



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSE WEEK NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL APRIL 19 - 26, 2013

AAOHN celebrates A Winning Future for Occupational Health Nurses

The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. (AAOHN) will celebrate Occupational Health Nursing (OHN) Week April 19-26, 2013.

OHN Week recognizes and celebrates members of the occupational and environmental health nursing profession. Catherine Pepler, president of AAOHN, said: "Most people understand the function of a nurse in a clinical setting, but not everyone is aware that there are approximately 19,000 nurses who work in promoting and protecting the health of workers in the United States and many of these nurses also work globally."

OHNs are responsible for developing, implementing, and managing programs designed to make employees aware of the prevention of illness and injury and unnecessary stresses arising from hazards associated with the work environment. Duties include, but are not limited to, initiating nursing assessment/referral/treatment for occupational/non-occupational injuries/illness and medical surveillance exams; performing specialized tests such as audiograms, spirometry, and vision; conducting employee education and training; and performing worksite visits.

OHNs of the Civilian Employee Health Services (CEHS) at DiLorenzo Tricare Health Clinic (DTHC) are: (L to R) Felecia Witcher, Diane Rybinski, Adelia Delacruz, Lou Swancara, and Carol McTier.

When you see these outstanding professionals around the Pentagon please give them a "high five" for a job well done!

